

Trap and Release Protected Animals Permit

Before completing your application, please read the following information.

Legislation

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (section 53(1)(c) or (d) and 55)

National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the management of wildlife (i.e. native animals) in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* ('the Act') and all Regulations and Proclamations made under the Act. A permit is required to take (e.g. capture, trap) protected animals or release protected animals back to the wild.

Under the Act it is an offence to take a protected animal or release to the wild any native animal, whether protected or unprotected, without a permit.

Policy statement

DEW encourages a living with wildlife approach to address the impacts caused by wildlife in a way that is humane and socially acceptable.

Where protected animals:

- are causing, or likely to cause, damage to environmental amenity (including built structures); or
- constitute a safety risk or hazard to people or industry;

a permit may be granted to manage the impact caused.

DEW will support a living with wildlife approach that includes the granting of a permit to capture, trap and release a protected animal. The capture, trap and release of protected animals that are dangerous or a biological hazard is restricted to suitably qualified persons that hold a valid Wildlife Management (Controller) Permit.

Permit description

The Trap and Release Protected Animals Permit entitles the holder to trap and release protected animals (not as part of an ongoing activity), identified in the permit by reference to their species, that are causing or likely to cause damage to environmental amenity (including built structures) or may constitute a safety risk or hazard to people or industry, but are not dangerous or a biological hazard.

Assessment considerations

Permit applications are assessed with consideration to the following:

- Wildlife occupancy of residential or business premises (e.g. in roof space) is causing impacts or damage;
- The wildlife behaviour poses a risk to infrastructure or assets;
- The extent of impacts or damage being caused, or likely to be caused, by the wildlife; and
- The wildlife are a potential threat to human safety.

Animal welfare

The welfare of all animals that are captured, trapped or released is important to DEW and the treatment of all animals must comply with the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and the limitations, restrictions and conditions of the permit granted.

Fit and proper person assessment

Applicants will be asked whether they have been convicted of prior offences against the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, South Australian firearms legislation or other environment legislation interstate and/or overseas. Where a conviction is declared, applicants must provide a description of the offence, along with the year and State/Territory/Country. You can still proceed with an application and have it assessed.

How long will it take to obtain a permit?

Most applications are assessed within 10 working days. Please allow up to 4 weeks during peak periods.

Fees

No permit fee applies.

Do I need to keep records?

Yes. The form will be provided upon the granting of a permit. A report must be submitted upon permit expiry.

How long does a permit last?

Typically a permit is granted for a period of up to 3 months.

Traps used to capture possums

The following minimum specifications for possum traps applies:

- Minimum trap size dimensions: 540mm (L) x 240mm (W) x 240mm (H); and
- Maximum individual grid mesh size: 19mm x 19mm (or an equivalent area); and
- Trap door mechanism: spiral bait holder or pressure mounted foot treadle to activate door release.

Department for Environment and Water responsibilities

The Department for Environment and Water abides by the Government of South Australia's [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#).

The information required on this form is collected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. We collect this information to determine your eligibility for a permit, to issue the related permit and for compliance activities related to the permit. Your personal information will not be disclosed to a third party except in accordance with the [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#). Information held by the Department may be used by law enforcement agencies, as well as other uses provided for by law. Such access for approved purposes may be granted to other government agencies. When you complete this application form, understand that you have consented to the release of information provided by you, to other agencies for compliance and/or enforcement purposes.

You should only proceed with this application if you have read and understand the requirements that apply to this permit type.

Where do I send my completed application form?

You will need to send your completed application form to the Department for Environment and Water office that is located nearest to the property being affected by wildlife.

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges		
Northern Lofty	115 Maryvale Road, Athelstone 5076	T: 8336 0901 E: dew.amlrblackhilloffice@sa.gov.au
Central Lofty	365B Mount Lofty Summit Road, Cleland 5152 PO Box 306, Crafrers 5152	T: 8130 9050 E: dew.npwscentrallofty@sa.gov.au
Fleurieu	3 Eyre Terrace, Victor Harbor PO Box 721, Victor Harbor 5211	T: 8552 0300 E: DEW.VictorHarborOffice@sa.gov.au
Yorke and Mid North		
Southern Flinders and Mid North Yorke	155 Main North Road, Clare 5453	T: 8841 3400 E: YorkeandMidNorth.NPW@sa.gov.au
Limestone Coast (South East)		
Keith	61 Anzac Terrace, Keith PO Box 138, Keith 5267	T: 8755 1620 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au
Mt Gambier	11 Helen Street, Mount Gambier PO Box 1046, Mount Gambier 5290	T: 8735 1177 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au
Naracoorte	Wonambi Road, Naracoorte PO Box 134, Naracoorte 5271	T: 8760 1203 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au
Noonameena	1063 Seven Mile Road, Noonameena via Meningie PO Box 105 Meningie 5264	T: 8575 1200 E: lc.npws@sa.gov.au
Eyre Peninsula and Far West		
Port Lincoln	86 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln PO Box 22, Port Lincoln 5606	T: 8688 3111 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Ceduna	50B McKenzie Street, Ceduna PO Box 569, Ceduna 5690	T: 8625 3144 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Gawler Ranges	PO Box 221 Wudinna 5652	T: 8648 1883 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Streaky Bay	15 Bay Road, Streaky Bay PO Box 333, Streaky Bay 5680	T: 8626 1108 E: DEWEPOnlineBookings@sa.gov.au
Kangaroo Island		
Kingscote	37 Dauncey Street, Kingscote PO Box 39, Kingscote 5223	T: 8553 4444 E: DEW.NPWSReferralsKangarooland@sa.gov.au
Flinders and Outback		
Port Augusta	Level 1, 9 Mackay Street, Port Augusta PO Box 78, Port Augusta, 5700	T: 8648 5300 E: DEW.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au
Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges (Balcanoona)	PMB 13 Via Copley SA 5732	T: 8648 4829 E: DEW.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au
Ikara - Flinders Ranges (Wilpena Pound)	Wilpena Road, Hawker Private Mail Bag 22, Hawker 5434	T: 8648 0049 E: DEW.flindersandoutback@sa.gov.au
Riverland and Murraylands		
Berri	28 Vaughan Terrace Berri, 5343 PO Box 231, Berri 5343	T: 8595 2111 E: RM.NPWS@sa.gov.au
Murray Bridge	110A Mannum Road, Murray Bridge, 5253 PO Box 2343 Murray Bridge 5253	T: 8595 2111 E: RM.NPWS@sa.gov.au
Lameroo	74 Railway Terrace North, Lameroo PO Box 21, Lameroo 5302	T: 8595 2111 E: RM.NPWS@sa.gov.au
Strathalbyn	6 Catherine Street, Strathalbyn PO Box 4, Strathalbyn 5253	T: 8595 2111 E: RM.NPWS@sa.gov.au

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Pursuant to section 53(1)(c) or (d) and 55 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*

Part 1: Personal information			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Your contact details			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
Prior convictions			
Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> , the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> , or equivalent interstate legislation? If yes, please provide details below.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence		Year	State/Territory
Part 2: Property location and use			
2.1 Location where you plan to trap and release the protected animal(s)			
<input type="checkbox"/> residential address stated above <input type="checkbox"/> different location (please provide details below)			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
2.2 Primary use of property			
<input type="checkbox"/> private residence <input type="checkbox"/> business premises (please specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) _____			

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Part 3: Species causing impacts or damage		
3.1 Species and number subject of this application		
Species common name	Estimated number on the property	Number of animals to be trapped and released
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Brushtail Possum		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Ringtail Possum		
Part 4: Impacts or damage and non-lethal actions taken		
4.1 Please tell us about the possum problem(s) you are experiencing.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Threatening human safety <i>Then select from the following options (more than one option can be selected)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive noise from possums occupying roof space and disrupting sleep <input type="checkbox"/> Odour from animal droppings and urine <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ <p>Any additional information you would like to tell use about your possum problem</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Built environment/assets <i>Then select from the following options (more than one option can be selected)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Damage from chewing wiring or wood poses hazard (please specify damage) <input type="checkbox"/> Damage from scratching <input type="checkbox"/> Damage from animal droppings and urine <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting material in roof space poses hazard <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ <p>Any additional information you would like to tell use about your possum problem</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (not specified above) <i>Then please describe the problem(s) being caused by the possum(s).</i> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		



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4.2 Length of time possums have caused problems		
How long have you been experiencing the problems caused by possums?		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 month
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 months (please specify how long) _____	
4.3 Current actions to minimise impacts or damage		
What non-lethal methods have you used to minimise the impact or damage caused by possums? Please report on the length of time for each non-lethal method trialed and the outcome.		
Non-lethal methods used to minimise the impact or damage	Length of time trialed	Outcome of non-lethal method
<input type="checkbox"/> Blocking off possum access points to building or structure <input type="checkbox"/> Removed possums scent markings at all entry points by applying household bleach to the affected areas <input type="checkbox"/> Installed a possum box on the property <input type="checkbox"/> One-way door flap installed at the possum's access point to the roof space <input type="checkbox"/> Tree collars placed around tree trunks to prevent roof access <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None (please explain below why you have not trialed non-lethal methods)		
Why non-lethal methods have not been used.		
_____ _____ _____		
Part 5. Persons to carry out trap and release of possums		
Who will be trapping and releasing the possums?		<input type="checkbox"/> applicant <input type="checkbox"/> another person
If a person <u>other than yourself</u> will trap and release the possums, list their details below.		
Full name		
Residential address		

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Part 6: Method of capture for possums and source of possum trap									
Possums must only be trapped using a possum trap with the following minimum specifications - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum trap size dimensions: 540mm (L) x 240mm (W) x 240mm (H); and • Maximum individual grid mesh size: 19mm x 19mm (or an equivalent area); and • Trap door mechanism: spiral bait holder or pressure mounted foot treadle to activate door release. 									
Where will you source a trap* to trap possums? <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> I will hire a possum trap from my local council</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> I own a possum trap</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> I will hire a possum trap from an equipment hire business</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> I will borrow a possum trap from family, friend or neighbour</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> I will be buying a possum trap</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____</td> </tr> </table>				<input type="checkbox"/> I will hire a possum trap from my local council	<input type="checkbox"/> I own a possum trap	<input type="checkbox"/> I will hire a possum trap from an equipment hire business	<input type="checkbox"/> I will borrow a possum trap from family, friend or neighbour	<input type="checkbox"/> I will be buying a possum trap	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> I will be buying a possum trap	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____								
*In all instances, the possum trap must meet the minimum possum trap specifications.									
Part 7: Statement of intent for trapping and releasing possums									
	Statement	Your answer							
7.1	The possum traps to be used comply with the minimum specifications (see information sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.2	Possum traps will only be used within a built structure (e.g. roof space) to trap possums.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.3	Possum traps will only be operational between dusk and dawn and checked daily in the morning.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.4	After trapping any possums and prior to release (after dusk) I will make a reasonable effort to prevent possum re-entry into the built structure by sealing off possum entry points.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.5	I will check that there are no remaining possums within the built structure prior to possum proofing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.6	Possums contained in a trap will be kept in a quiet place at the same property and will be protected from other people, the weather, temperature extremes, direct light, domestic pets and other wildlife.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.7	The possum trap will be covered with a permeable material that provides adequate ventilation and prevents direct light exposure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.8	Possums will not be left in a possum trap for a period of more than 24 hours and will be provided with suitable food and water.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.9	Possums will be released within 24 hours of capture (released after dusk on the day of capture) and on the same property (in the possum's own territory) within 50 metres of the capture site.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
7.10	Possums that cannot be released back to the wild due to disease, injury, or poor health will be taken to a registered veterinarian for humane euthanasia.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Part 6: Permit duration									
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 month <input type="checkbox"/> 2 months <input type="checkbox"/> 3 months									
Part 7: Permit delivery method									
If a permit is granted, how do you want to receive the permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Email									
Part 8: Declaration by applicant									
<i>Form not valid for use after June 2022</i>									
I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement. I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.									
Signature of applicant			Dated						

Report on taking protected animals (Trap and Release Protected Animals Permit)

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 section 53(4)

TO:

The Director, National Parks and Wildlife

GPO Box 1047

Adelaide SA 5001

Permit number: _____

Name of permit holder: _____

Address: _____

Summary of animals taken

Species common name	Actual number trapped and released	Date and time of release of each animal

Signature:.....

Date:.....

